

STATEMENT OF NEED

The greatest unmet need in the public library program is for an expansion of reference and research facilities at the state level to serve the executive and legislative branches of state government and the various state agencies. With the information explosion which is characteristic of our time, it is a monumental task to acquire, store, and retrieve for use information pertinent to the conduct of state government. That all state agencies feel a need for reference material and information pertinent to their program is evidenced by the number of these agencies which have attempted to establish agency libraries. No individual state agency is equipped to do this, and the result has been a scattering of valuable material and the frustration of any attempt to use the total collection by the individual interested in research. The State Library Board is equipped to provide this service centrally for all state agencies, to avoid expensive duplication of books and materials, to organize the collection for prompt retrieval of information, and through its staff of professional librarians, to offer assistance in reference and research. All that is needed to open the State Library Board's excellent book and reference collection for the use of state agencies is space, which it is hoped, will soon be provided through an adequate building to house the services and materials of the State Library Board. When space permits, the State Library Board plans to offer a high level of information and reference service to governmental agencies and projects, eventually to provide special information and research service to the executive and legislative branches of state government, and to maintain a strong central collection of local, state, and federal documents.

Estellene P. Walker,
Director.

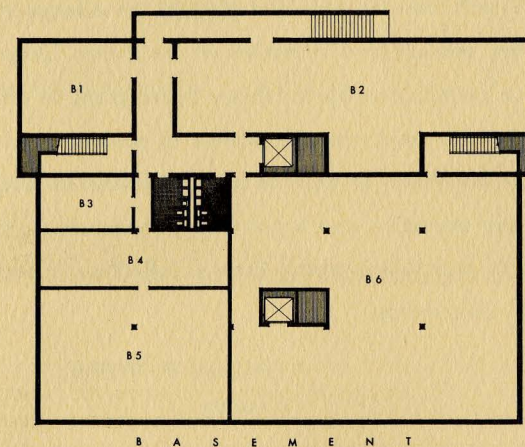
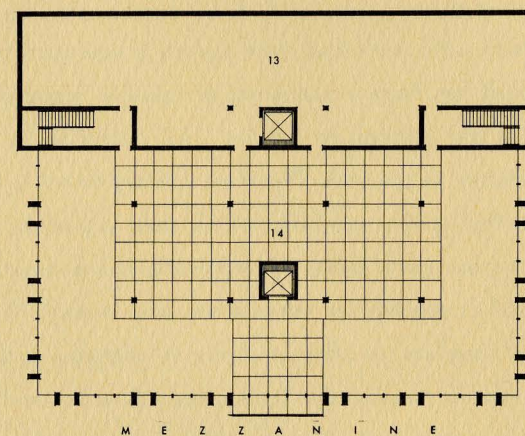
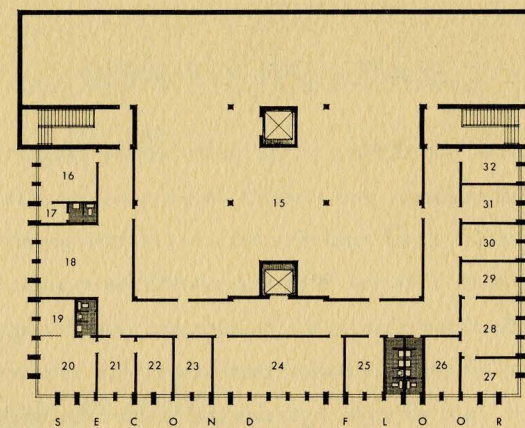
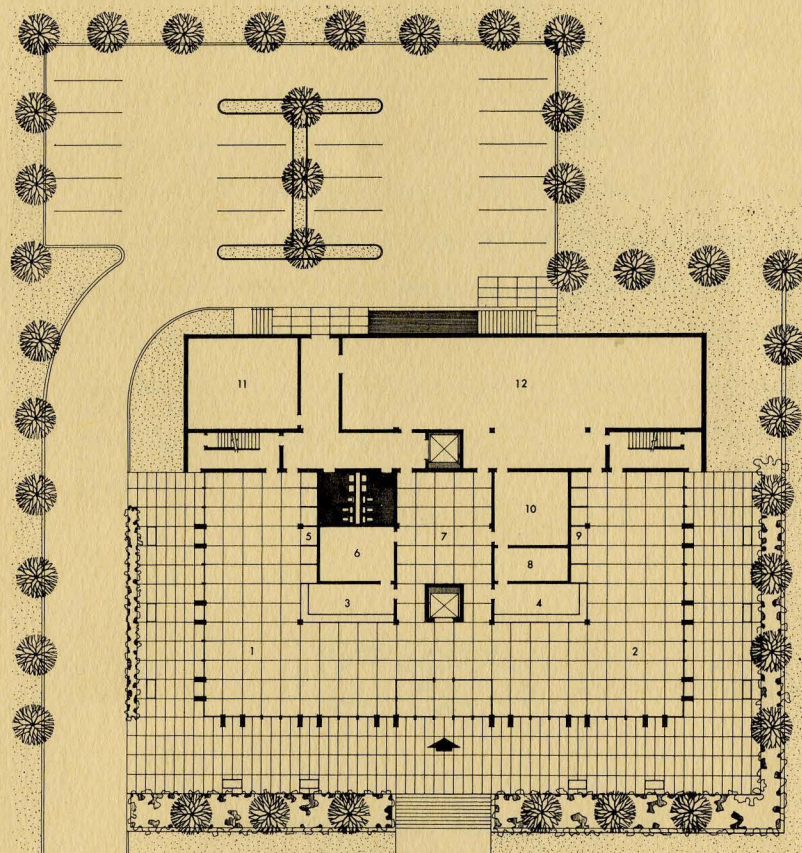
STATE LIBRARY BUILDING
SOUTH CAROLINA
STATE LIBRARY BOARD
COLUMBIA, S. C.

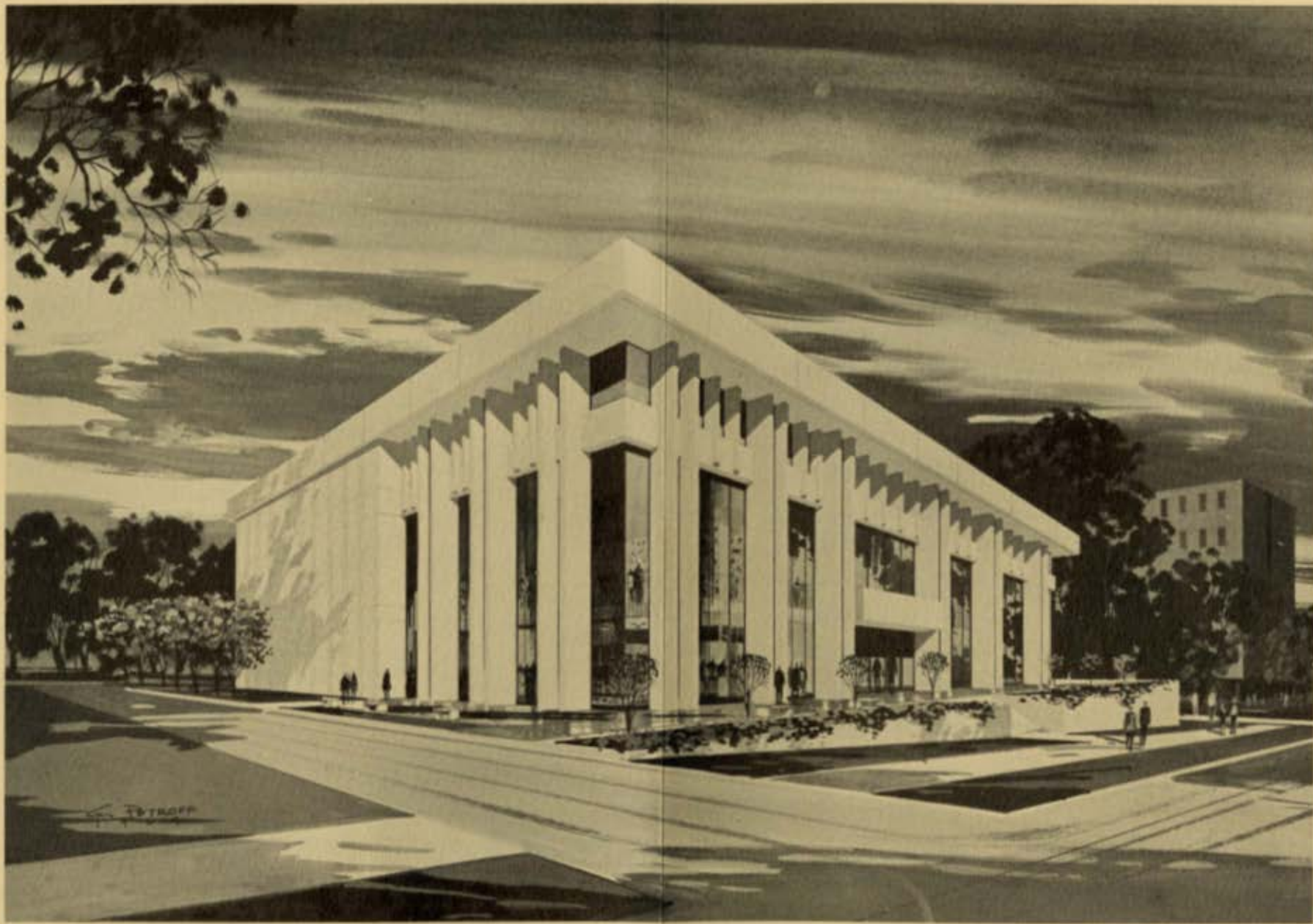


WILLIAM GEIGER AND JOHN CALIFF
Associated Architects

L E G E N D

1	READING	16	LOUNGE	29	EXTENSION OFFICE
2	READING	17	REST	30	CONSULTANT
3	DOCUMENTS	18	ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE	31	CONSULTANT
4	REFERENCE	19	WORK	32	CONSULTANT
5	MICROFILM	20	DIRECTOR	B1	STORAGE & INCINERATOR
6	INTER-LIBRARY LOAN	21	SECRETARY	B2	SERVICES
7	CATALOGS	22	BUSINESS MANAGER	B3	DUPICATING
8	WORK	23	CONFERENCE	B4	MAKE-UP
9	CARRELS	24	MEETING ROOM	B5	STORAGE
10	BIBLIOGRAPHY	25	CONFERENCE	B6	STACKS
11	SHIPPING	26	FIELD SERVICE LIBRARIAN		
12	TECHNICAL PROCESSING	27	FIELD SERVICE LIBRARIAN		
13	STACKS	28	EXTENSION OFFICE		
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Shown above is the proposed new State Library Board Building which would be located within the State Government complex in Columbia, S. C. Its design is oriented towards the functional and practical while projecting an orderly and handsome appearance. It will be of fire resistive construction from native materials.

THE TEXT OF GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S ADDRESS RELATING TO LIBRARIES

"In a state growing educationally and culturally each year, it is appropriate that we move to strengthen significantly our public library system. The State Library Board, as most of you know, renders outstanding leadership and service to the public and to local libraries throughout the state. I believe that the constructive use of good books by our population complements the rising educational attainments of our people. In line with this, I shall convene in the early spring a Governor's Conference on Public Libraries. It is my hope that the General Assembly will join in this emphasis on voluntary learning by authorizing the construction of a new building in Columbia for the State Library Board. Under the Library Services and Construction Act, federal funds are available on a 66 per cent federal—34 per cent state matching basis. Approximately \$130,000 is now available in earned funds towards providing the state's contribution. I request from the legislature the necessary additional matching amount required to permit this undertaking to go forward."

ESTIMATED BUDGET PROPOSED STATE LIBRARY BOARD BUILDING

SITE	\$ 200,000.00
BUILDING	1,000,000.00
ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT	25,000.00
CONTINGENCY AND FEES	90,000.00
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TOTAL COST	\$ 1,315,000.00
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FEDERAL FUNDS	867,900.00
MATCHING FUNDS AVAILABLE	130,000.00
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STATE FUNDS REQUIRED	\$ 317,100.00